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RE: Docket No. 98N 1265

Hello:

INDIGNANT! That's what I became when I learned of FDA's memorandum which intends to severely limit the practice and distribution of compounded drugs.

This is an example of unnecessary bureaucratic intervention on the part of FDA, and I hereby register my strongest objections to this proposal.

The proposed restrictions on compounded drugs are not only unnecessary, they are discriminatory in favor of noncompounded drugs, against which no restrictions are offered.

In its present form the Memo, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice, and infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs.

For these reasons I therefore strongly urge you to amend this Memo to eliminate restrictions on compounded drugs.

Copies of this letter are being sent to my representatives in Congress.

Sincerely,

Diane Dubberke
Secretary

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